

GIBBONS WILL AID
FRENCH CATHOLICSAmerican Bishops Offer to
Pay Seminarists' Expenses.

FIGHTING IS RESUMED

Police and Worshippers Again
Clash and Several Are Hurt.Bishopric and Seminaries at Nantes
Are Evacuated, and in a Conflict
Between Students and the Prefect's
Men Revolvers Are Drawn—Gill Blas
Says All Are Trying to Follow
President Roosevelt's Example.Paris, Dec. 19.—While the government's
projects regarding the religious law are
hung up in the religious committee of the
Chamber of Deputies, Parisians of all
shades of opinion are enjoying a breathing
spell.It is stated that the Pope some time ago
told his cardinals and bishops visiting
France that he would be pleased to assist
the French clergy if needed. The enemies of
the Vatican did not believe that the Pope
possessed money which he could so use,
but Pope Leo left 100,000,000 francs to his
successor, and the expenses of the Vatican
can have been reduced from 8,000,000 an-
nually to 5,000,000. Cardinals possessing
private fortunes offered the greater part
of their revenues for France.The American bishops, notably Cardinal
Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland, offered
to pay part of the expenses of educating
in Rome seminarists expelled from
France. Canada and Brazil also made
large offers in behalf of the French clergy.Girls Bite Policemen.
One of the worst incidents so far re-
ported occurred this morning at
Nantes, where the mounted gendar-
merie for the first time in this crisis,
rode down the manifestants, injuring
several of them. The crowd was
largely composed of women. The de-
gree to which they were wrought up
can, perhaps, be measured by the fact
that two girls were arrested on the
charge of biting policemen.Cardinal Richelieu, following some of
the bishops, has ordered the suppression
of all public midnight masses.
The prefect of Nantes began at 8
o'clock this morning to compel the evacua-
tion of the bishopric and seminaries there.
Troops occupied the adjacent streets.
The prefect's men broke in the door of
the bishopric, but found that the bishop
was absent. They turned the priests and
attendant nuns out. The bishop read a
protest at the seminary, which was not
heeded by the pupils.The bishop ordered the pupils to the
Church of St. Clement, 400 protesters fol-
lowing. The bishop, after thanking the
protesters, withdrew. The crowd then
made a demonstration before the news-
paper offices and the lodges of the Free
Masons, and a disturbance followed. Po-
licemen were thrown down, trampled
upon, and struck with canes. They drew
their revolvers, but were getting the
worst of the encounter when half a com-
pany of mounted gendarmes charged at
full speed and drove back the crowd.
Some men and several women were trampled
upon. Three arrests were made, one of
the prisoners being a man who was
almost beaten to death.Follow President Roosevelt.
The Gil Blas, becoming somewhat satir-
ical, finds that the Pope, the Kaiser,
and Prime Minister Clemenceau are all
trying to follow the example President
Roosevelt set in trying to impose
their personal views on everybody.The Gil Blas found its text in the disposition
of the Reichstag, in which it says the
Kaiser aims chiefly at the clerical party,
and has treated it much the same as the
government is trying to treat the Catho-
lics in France."Not," says the writer, "that I blame
the independent character of the Pope.
Have you noticed the tendency of the
chief of state in the few years to
operate in a strong manner?""It was President Roosevelt, I think,
who gave them the example. His fashion
of blowing up the smaller Southern
States and turbulent factions, and also
his throwing his personality into all mix-
ups; in short, imposing his will every-
where, has made a school. The Czar, too,
sent the Duma to grass. The malcon-
tents seem to have returned to the fold.""Now M. Clemenceau is showing the
iron hand in a velvet glove, and the tur-
bulent chamber becomes docile. Lastly,
the Kaiser joins the dance with the
Reichstag, telling it to get out or beware
the boot."

CARDINAL ISSUES STATEMENT

Denies Any Parallel Between France
and the United States.Baltimore, Md., Dec. 19.—Cardinal Gibbons
to-night, through his secretary, issued
a statement denying that there is any
parallel between the Catholic Church in
France and the United States, and charging
France with unfaithfulness to its
obligations and confiscating property
without due process of law. The cardinal
states:"Honest men do not hold that they have
acquired themselves of their obliga-
tions by letting their due bills run till
they are dusty and grimy with age. Neither
do they question that the legiti-
mate heirs of their creditors succeed to
their lawful rights of their testators,
and, as right-minded moralists, do not set
up one code of conduct for private in-
dividuals, another for public functionar-
ies; they hold that the law 'Thou shalt
not steal' applies to States as well as to
citizens.""This higher view is just the one which
the French government took of its obli-
gation as embodied in that solemn form
of bilateral contract known as the con-
cordat. Varied as have been the fortunes
of France in the matter of government
during the century and more since she
entered into this compact with the
church, whose existence she has not been
able to ignore—no, not even in this hour
when she would gladly do so—she has
never, till quite recently, dreamed of re-
pudiating the obligations she then con-
tracted.""And in this she has simply been tak-
ing the view which all Christians have
taken of such compacts. Is not this the
way our own country regarded the
question lately raised regarding the
friars' lands in the Philippines, and of
our church property in Porto Rico? See-
ing that we had succeeded to the rights
of Spain in these islands, we did not balk
at assuming her responsibilities along with
them.""REV. WILLIAM T. RUSSELL,
"Secretary to the Cardinal."

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,
Maryland, and Virginia—Snow,
possibly turning into rain to-day;
to-morrow unsettled and warmer;
fresh, northeasterly winds, be-
coming variable.

HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.

1—Widowed Bride Tells of Bywaters'

Death.

1—Secretary Shaw May Head Mutual

Life.

1—Denver Merchants Boycott Senator

Patterson.

1—Packet Blows Up; Many Dead.

1—Gibbons Offers Aid to French Church-

men.

3—Havre Flays Oil Trust.

3—Aged Cumberland Woman Slain.

11—Bishop McCabe Is Dead.

CONGRESSIONAL.

2—Cheaper Gas and Car Fares.

2—Cabinet Officers Scolded.

4—House Without a Quorum.

4—Foraker After Brownsville Facts.

4—Relief for Car Famine.

4—Congo Matter Goes Over.

LOCAL.

2—Foss Says Navy Must Be Increased.

3—Option Held on George Washington

University Property.

3—James Bryce's Name Submitted for

Ambassador.

12—Commerce Commission Cannot Locate

Cars.

12—Crime Increases in District.

RESCUE EAGLE IN MID-OCEAN.

Officers of Liner Stop Vessel to Take

Aboard Huge Bird.

New York, Dec. 19.—When the Anchor
Line steamship Furber arrived to-day
from Glasgow, Capt. Blakey brought as
one of his passengers an immigrant that
was admitted into the country without
so much as a passing glance from the
Ellis Island officials, and that within a
few hours after landing became a natu-
ralized American, with permanent domici-
le in the Bronx.The newcomer is a large brown eagle,
measuring from tip to tip 10 feet, which,
after following the ship for three days,
finally dropped into the sea in the ship's
wake on December 17, 800 miles west of
the Irish coast, and was rescued by a
boat hurriedly let down from the vessel's
side. Never before, it is said, in North
Atlantic marine annals, has a big liner
stopped in mid-ocean to rescue anything
except a human being. The eagle was seen
soon after the steamship left the Irish
coast behind, and was watched with in-
tense interest by the passengers and
crew of the Furber until it gradually
was seen to weaken and, fast falling
behind, at length tumbled into the ocean.

RIDGELY CARRIAGE HIT.

Senator Crane's Auto Collides with

Unoccupied Vehicle.

While on Massachusetts avenue near
Seventeenth Street northwest yesterday a
carriage belonging to William B. Ridgely,
Assistant Comptroller of the Treasury,
collided with an electric automobile,
breaking the pole of the carriage and
causing the horses to run away. The
automobile, owned by Senator Crane, of
Massachusetts, was badly scratched and
one of the wheels was torn off.The carriage was turning out from the
curb in front of 177 Massachusetts ave-
nue, where Miss Catherine Ridgely and
Mrs. Bower had just left it, when it was
trunk by the auto, which was driven
by A. K. Clavenger, the chauffeur. In
order to stop the frightened horses the
driver, Joseph Waddy, was required to
throw them down, injuring one of them.
Neither driver was hurt.

FIVE DIE IN BURNING HOUSE

Twenty Others Narrowly Escape

Death from Suffocation.

Necessary to Flee for Their Lives as

Flames in Buffalo Building

Spread Rapidly.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Five persons
lost their lives in the burning of a
rooming house shortly before midnight
to-night. The dead are:
Mrs. LIDA FISHER, aged thirty-four,
F. X. LAMBERT,
Mrs. F. X. LAMBERT,
The three-month-old child of Mrs. L. CRUM-
BLIN.

CHARLES DEAM, aged twenty-five, a clerk.

The building was situated at 15 Pros-
pect avenue, about five squares from the
center of the business district.
How the fire started no one can tell,
but the flames spread so quickly that
those who died were suffocated in their
rooms before they had a chance to escape.
Fully twenty persons went out through
windows and saved themselves.

Decorations for Mr. McCormick.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Dr. Motono Ichiro,
the Japanese Ambassador, visited Mr.
R. S. McCormick, the American Ambassa-
dor, to-day, and offered him, in the
name of the Mikado, a high decoration
in recognition of his services in caring
for Japanese interest at St. Petersburg
during the war with Russia. It is as-
sumed that the decoration will be con-
ferred when Mr. McCormick leaves the
diplomatic service.

Bombs Injure Police Chief.

Lodz, Russian Poland, Dec. 19.—Two
bombs were thrown at Chief of Police
Chrzanoski at noon to-day, while he
was driving through one of the prin-
cipal streets. The horse drawing the
vehicle and the driver were killed, but
Chrzanoski escaped with slight in-
juries. His carriage was completely
destroyed. Several dragoons who were
escorting the police chief, were mortally
wounded.

Gift from Mrs. Russell Sage.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Russell Sage
has made a Christmas present of fifteen
acres of land, valued at \$200,000, to New
York University. It comprises the old
Schwab farm, which adjoins the uni-
versity grounds on the south. It is said
that this is the beginning of a campaign
of "safe and sane liberality" on the part
of Mrs. Sage.

A Nice Present for Your Wife

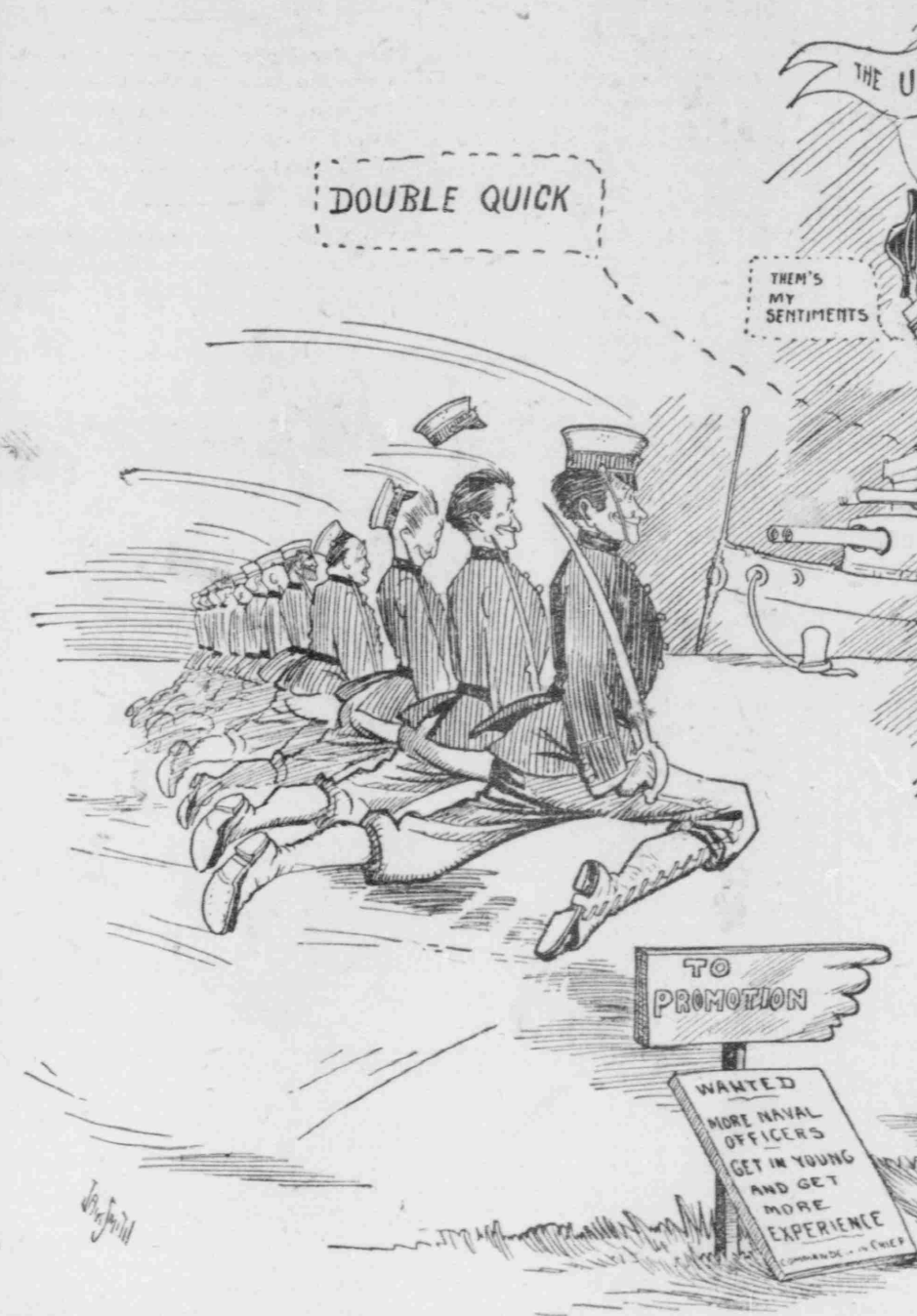
—An Office Auditor, Open evenings. Dem-
onstrations, 509 9th st. n.w.

Fast Morning Train to Philadelphia

Leaves Washington every weekday at 8
a. m. via Pennsylvania Railroad. Sells
buffet parlor car.

A PROBABLE NAVAL ORDER.

DOUBLE QUICK



EXPLOSION KILLS 22

Packet Blows Up and All

on Board Believed Dead.

SINKS IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Steamer W. T. Scovell Meets with

Disaster at Gold Dust Gin, Twenty-

Five Miles from Vicksburg—Cap-

tain's Coat and Three Hundred

Yards from the Wreck.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 19.—The steamer
W. T. Scovell, owned and operated by the
Vicksburg and Davis Bend Packet Com-
pany, was blown up this afternoon at
Gold Dust Gin, a few miles from Lone
Landing.Among the known dead is Leval Yerger,
a cotton seed agent.
Capt. John A. Quackenbush, his son,
Wade Quackenbush, and Clerk Schmidt,
are missing and believed to have been
killed. Capt. Quackenbush's coat was
found 200 yards from the wreck. There
were about eighteen negroes on board,
none of whom have been accounted for.Gold Dust Gin is twenty-five miles south
of Vicksburg, on the Louisiana side of
the Mississippi River. The Scovell left
here yesterday afternoon on the trip to
Davis Bend, and was returning when the
accident occurred.Robert C. Wilkerson, a local insurance
man, had insurance on the steamer, but
will not make any statement to-night as
to how much and with whom the insur-
ance was carried.

WOULD RAISE CARRIERS' PAY.

Representative Greene Proposes In-

crease of \$1,000 to the Postmaster

General.

To meet in part the recommendation of
the Postmaster General that the compen-
sation of postal employees be increased,
Mr. Greene, of Massachusetts, has intro-
duced a bill making the salaries of letter
carriers in towns and small cities \$1,000,
and of those in the larger cities \$1,200 a
year.Mr. Greene says he is in favor of a gen-
eral increase in the salaries of govern-
ment employees, but, believing that no
class of employees work harder for the
money they receive than do the letter car-
riers, he is confining his efforts to a move-
ment in their behalf. They have had no
modification of their pay for twenty
years.All private employees of labor having
set the example of voluntarily raising
wages to keep pace with high prices and
increased cost of living, Mr. Greene be-
lieves the government should not further
delay making the provision asked for.

Two Killed When Train Hits Cow.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 19.—Engineer

Calvin Prince and Fireman George Wat-

son were killed and the express mes-
senger, name unknown, seriously injured
as the result of train No. 12, of the Yazoo
and Mississippi Valley Railroad, striking
a cow and being derailed late to-day at
Southwood, near here.

Eleven Killed in Mexican Wreck.

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 19.—The en-

gineer and fireman and nine passengers

were killed in the wreck of a passenger

train near Tlaxiotepec, on the Mexican

Southern Railroad, to-day, according to a

dispatch from Puebla. More than twenty

passengers were injured.

Alleged Counterfeiters Arrested.

New York, Dec. 19.—On a charge of

conspiring to manufacture and issue coun-

terfeit 100 pesos notes of the republic of

Columbia, Samuel Bohen and Samuel

Otero were arrested to-day and arraigned

before Commissioner Shields and held

for trial. Both men pleaded not guilty.

A La Carte Lunch Served Daily

at Eckstein's from 12 to 3. 1412 N. Y. ave.

Pennsylvania Railroad Holiday Special

Train, December 20.

The Chicago Limited, solid Pullman

train of drawing-room and compartment

FATALLY SHOT BY BANDITS.

New York Chinaman Resists Rob-

bers and Is Wounded.

New York, Dec. 19.—Three men, said

by the police to be members of a band

of robbers that has been terrorizing

shopkeepers on the West Side, fatally

shot Yee Lee, a Chinese laundryman, on

West Fifty-second street this evening.

He was taken to the New York Hospi-

tal in a dying condition.

Lee, who is only twenty-two years

old, with his partner, were working

away in the laundry, when the door

opened and three rough-looking char-

acters entered.

"Give us the money or we will fill

you full of holes," said one of the three.

The Oriental refused to hand over

any cash. One of them made a move

to pick up a weapon when a shot rang

out. Lee fell and the robbers escaped.

JEFFERSON DAVIS WEBB BORN.

Is the First Great-grandson of Con-

federate President.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Gerald

B. Webb yesterday gave birth to the first

great-grandson of the late President Jeffer-

son Davis, of the Southern Confed-

eracy. Mrs. Webb was formerly Miss

Varina Hayes, daughter of J. Addison

Hayes, of this city. Mrs. Hayes is a

daughter of Jefferson Davis.

Mrs. Webb only recently returned from

an extended trip to England, Switzerland,

and other European countries with her

husband. Their return was hurried so

that the first great-grandson of Jefferson

Davis might be born on American soil.

It is understood that Baby Webb will

be christened "Jefferson Davis Webb."

FEAR FOR OVERDUE STEAMER.

Vessel Has 200 Passengers from

Alaska and \$500,000 in Gold.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—The steamer

Pennsylvania, Capt. Blain, bound to

Seattle from Valdez, Alaska, with about

200 passengers and \$500,000 in gold, is

now six days overdue.

The vessel left Valdez December 9.

The run to Seattle is usually made in

five days or less. Since leaving there

the vessel has not been sighted.

The most severe storms of the season

have been raging in northern waters.

PROF. CARL HAU EXTRADITED.

Washington Must Face Murder

Trial in Germany.

London, Dec. 19.—Prof. Carl Hau, of

WAR ON PATTERSON

Denver Merchants Plan a

Boycott on Newspaper.

INJURES BUSINESS INTERESTS

Insist That the Editorial Policy of

the Rocky Mountain News Must Be

Changed—Political Fend Motive.

Colorado Man Says He Will Uphold

the Dignity of the Press.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 19.—Denver business

interests are again trying to coerce Sena-

tor T. M. Patterson to change the edi-

torial policy of his morning newspaper,
the Rocky Mountain News.

A mass meeting, attended by nearly

every advertiser in Denver, was held this

evening. On the plea that business in-

terests were being injured it was decided

to withdraw advertisements, until such

time as the News owner complied with

their demands, or until a possible com-
promise.

Two years ago all the dry goods stores

in Denver boycotted the News, but Pat-

terson defied them and bought a con-
trolling interest in a big dry goods store.

By advertising this store he compelled

the others to get in line. This time the

boycott is much more serious because

so many firms are back of it. This after-

noon a long conversation was held with

Patterson over the biased view, and Pat-

terson promised the business men's com-
mittee that he would soon return.

A fierce political feud between Pat-

terson and Mayor Speer, it is said, is
the motive of the Patterson on-slaughts. The demands made by the
News are coupled with the statement that
Colorado had not a republican form of
government.

Will Uphold Dignity of Press.

Senator Patterson, in discussing the

matter last night, said:

"It is my belief that the tools of two

of Denver's great utility corporations are

behind this movement. In Denver there

are two great utility corporations—the

street railway and the water supply com-

pany—which are trying to rob the people

of Denver of a \$80,000,000 franchise. I have

been doing all in my power to fight these

corporations. They have their tools in

the chamber of commerce and the real

estate exchange, and through these tools

they propose to defeat my policy."

"It is true that I held a long consulta-

tion with them yesterday afternoon, but I

made no statement to the effect that I

was going back to Denver right away